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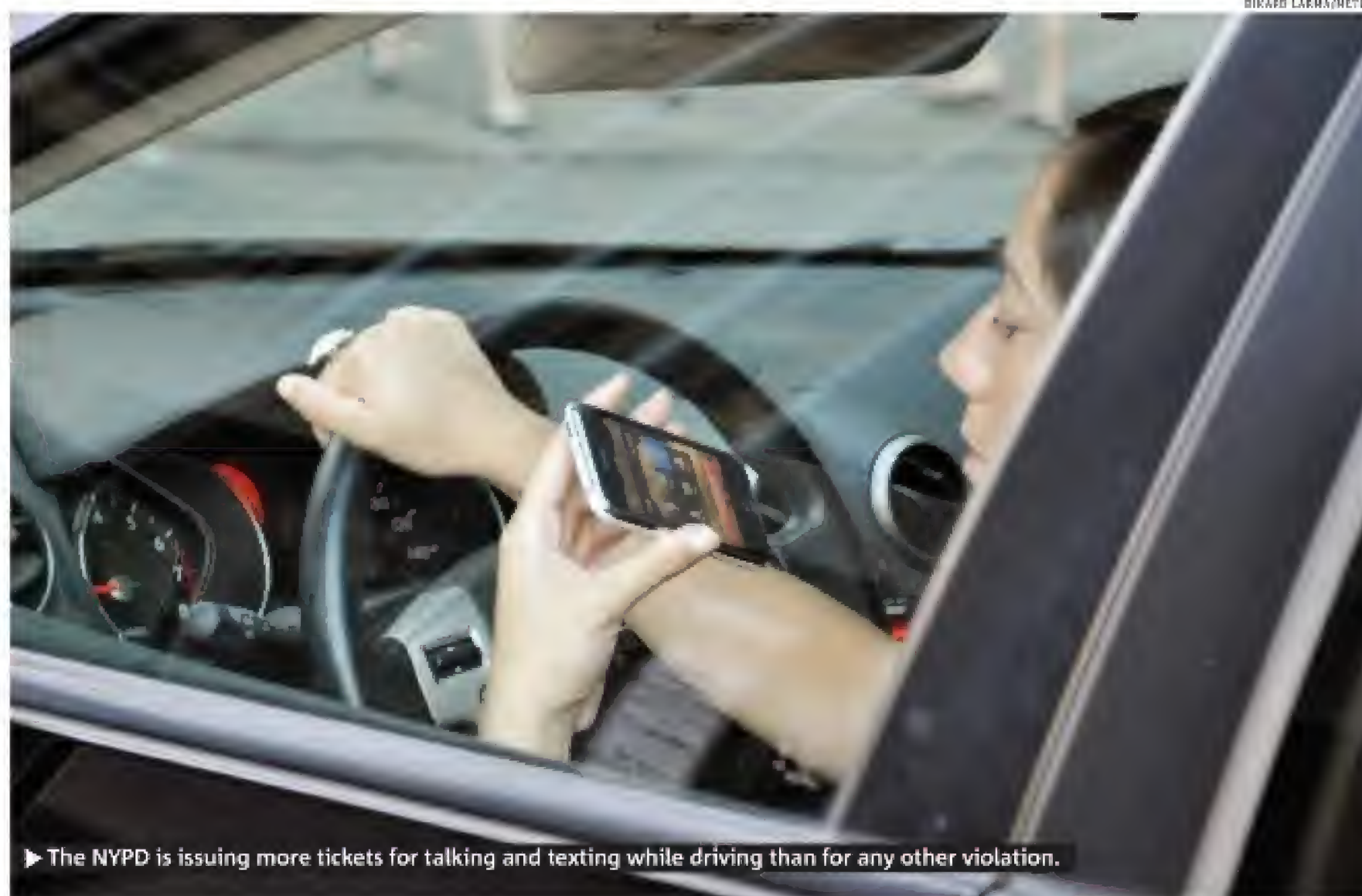
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Drop the phone: NYPD watching

◆ Increased tickets for talking and texting while driving ◆ Most ticketed offense so far this year ◆ Transportation experts warn that it is a bigger danger than drunk driving ◆ Cuomo wants to increase penalty if caught



► The NYPD is issuing more tickets for talking and texting while driving than for any other violation.

Is yapping on your cell phone while behind the wheel the new drunk driving?

The NYPD issues about 540 tickets a day to people caught talking on their cell phones while driving.

And distracted driving — watching your screen, not the wheel — might be a greater danger to New Yorkers than drunken driving, say some.

The NYPD has been upping their enforcement of cell phone violations, ticketing 231,345 people last year for using their cell phones while driving, according to this year's Mayor's Management Report.

In New York, distracted driving is the second cause of crashes, and alcohol and drugs the fourth, said Lindsey Ganson, safety campaign director at Trans-

By the numbers

211,658 Tickets issued in fiscal year 2009 for using a cell phone while driving
231,345 Tickets issued in fiscal year 2010 for using a cell phone while driving

81,639 Tickets issued for talking on a cell phone so far this year

14,779 Tickets issued for talking on a cell phone in May alone

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portation Alternatives.

"When you're just taking your eyes off (the road) for a moment, that could be the moment that the kid jumps in the street or someone's

crossing midblock," she said.

According to NYPD data released Wednesday, police ticketed drivers for chatting on their cell phones far more than other offenses — so far this year, they have issued 81,639 tickets.

In comparison, they issued less than half that number — 36,660 — for speeding. The next closest was 74,807 tickets given out for not wearing seatbelts and 63,910 tickets for disobeying a street sign.

Last year, Car and Driver magazine tested drivers' reaction times when drunk and texting, and found that their reaction time was slower while texting at the wheel than while drunk.



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Tougher penalty

Earlier this month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a plan to toughen laws against distracted driving. His proposal would make the penalty for talking on a cell phone three points. Right now, it's two points on your license, and up to a \$150 fine. Cuomo's legislation would also allow police officers to pull people over simply for talking on the phone. Right now, cops can only ticket someone if they were pulled over for something else, like speeding.

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Charges upgraded in gay killing

QUEENS. The Queens district attorney upgraded the charges Thursday against six teenagers who are accused of beating and stomping an 18-year-old Long Island man to death whom they perceived to be gay. The jacked-up charges now include murder and manslaughter as hate crimes. Anthony Colao was beaten to death with a stick, pipe, cane and piece of fencing after he left a birthday party in Woodhaven, Queens, this past March. ● METRO/CB



Bieber pummeled at Macy's

HERALD SQUARE. An undercover cop was issued a summons for disorderly conduct at Justin Bieber's appearance at Macy's in Herald Square on Thursday. Bieber was on hand to promote his new fragrance when fans rushed towards the artist. During the commotion, an unidentified man jumped a barrier and knocked Bieber to the ground. The NYPD believes he was a plainclothes officer trying to help.

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Hero dad saves daughter

SUNSET PARK. A young girl slipped onto the tracks from a Brooklyn subway platform Wednesday and landed between two train cars. Her father immediately rushed to her side, lifting her up to safety. The 9-year-old was on the southbound D train platform at the Ninth Avenue station and suffered only minor injuries. ● METRO/EAE

In the news

Moms for marijuana

More New York City moms are trading in their wine for a joint. The state chapter of the group "Moms for Marijuana" opened this year with plans to form a New York City chapter shortly, according to the New York Post, which interviewed mothers who say they choose smoking to take the edge off.

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A week later, vote on gay marriage still uncertain

► Momentum stalled in New York state Senate ► No one wants to be the final vote, says gay rights advocate ► Concerns exist for religious groups

The fate of the legalization of same-sex marriage in New York state rested on Thursday with a small group of Republican senators concerned about protection for religious groups and the political fallout of voting in favor.

If approved, New York would be the sixth and by far the most populous U.S. state to legalize gay marriage and the vote would be a huge victory for the gay rights movement.

The bill is one vote away from passage in the New York Senate, where supporters hope it will be approved before legislators leave for their summer recess.



► The fate of gay marriage hinges on a handful of Senate Republicans.

The sticking point for some Republicans is whether exemptions should be extended only to clergy and some religious groups or, as some senators have said, to any organization or individual with a religious objec-

tion to same-sex marriage.

A trio of Republican senators met several times this week with Governor Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat who has made same-sex marriage a top priority this year.

"If there is an announcement prior to the vote, it will not be just one senator. No one wants to be the 32nd vote."

DAN WEILLER, EMPIRE STATE PRIDE AGENDA GAY RIGHTS GROUP

The group includes Sen. Stephen Saland, a highly respected Senate veteran from Poughkeepsie. Also on the fence are Andrew Lanza of Staten Island, John Flanagan of Long Island and two freshmen — Buffalo's Mark Grisanti and Greg Ball of New York's Hudson Valley.

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Students. Sailing



► Fifth-graders Nana Brew-Tettah, Ora Ehrlich and Henry Creech prepare to launch "Red Hot Chili Pepper," the wooden Optimist Pram sailboat they built.

But will it float? Kids launch sailboats

New York City school students launched sailboats they built in the Hudson River earlier this week. All year long, Brooklyn Boatworks taught students at two schools — Community Roots Charter School and the Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies — how to build an Optimist Pram sailboat, teaching them everything from cutting and sanding wood to how sailboats are engineered and designed. This week, the kids saw if the boats float — they did! — and got to sail them. ● METRO/CB

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Police: Slay suspect is remorseless

► Judge keeps man accused of murder behind bars ► Married duo charged in heinous crime

A judge denied bail yesterday to a man accused of shooting four people to death at close range at a Long Island pharmacy Sunday.

David Laffer pleaded not

"The lethal injection would be too quick for him. He should rot in solitary confinement."

DANIEL TACCETTA, BROTHER OF JAMIE TACCETTA, WHO WAS KILLED WHILE SHOPPING IN THE PHARMACY

guilty yesterday in Suffolk County District Court.

Laffer and his wife, Melinda Brady, were taken into custody Wednesday in Medford and spoke to reporters outside the police department Wednesday night.

"He was doing it because he lost his job and I was sick," Brady told reporters outside the Suffolk County Police Department, according to the Daily News. Brady is reportedly addicted to painkillers.

Laffer, who told reporters



► David Laffer is accused of killing four people in a pharmacy robbery in Long Island. His wife, Melinda Brady, is at right.



he was not high during the shooting, was charged with murder and resisting arrest, and his wife was charged with robbery.

Laffer "has shown no remorse," Suffolk County Police Commissioner Richard Dormer told reporters Thursday.

His wife is cooperating, however, Dormer said.

Dormer also said that guns and ammunition, including a .45-caliber handgun, were found in the home. According to video footage of the crime, the four victims put up no resistance in the shooting and were shot at close range.



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Jogger attacked in Central Park

CENTRAL PARK. Police are looking for two men who they say beat and robbed a jogger in Central Park on Wednesday. The victim, a 46-year-old man, was jogging just after 6 a.m. in the park, near 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, when the two suspects approached and began to punch him. The jogger fell to the ground, dropping his iPad, which the suspects picked up and ran. ● METRO/CB



► The suspects

Joseph Brooks leaves trainer \$250K

NEW YORK. Songwriter Joseph Brooks, who killed himself last month, left nothing to his four children in his will, but \$250,000 to his personal

trainer, Danielle Radosti, 30. She was described in his will as a "friend." At the time of his death, Brooks was charged in multiple sex-assault cases, accused of raping or molesting 13 young women to whom he promised to give auditions.

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Hacker pleads guilty to creating AT&T-iPad breach

A computer hacker pleaded guilty to helping write malicious code that let him breach AT&T Inc. servers and steal personal data belonging to 120,000 Apple Inc. iPad subscribers, U.S. prosecutors said.

Daniel Spitler, 26, admitted to one count of conspiracy to gain unauthorized access to computers and one count of identity theft at a Thursday hearing before U.S. District Judge Susan Wigenton in Newark, N.J., federal court.

Spitler could face a 12- to 18-month prison term under federal sentencing guidelines, which a judge need not follow. The San Francisco resident is free

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Number of Apple Inc. iPad subscribers affected by the hack according to U.S. prosecutors

on bail, and his sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 28.

Prosecutors in January accused Spitler and co-defendant Andrew Auernheimer, 25, of using an "account slurper" to conduct a "brute force" attack over five days last June to extract data about iPad users who used the Internet through AT&T's network.

According to prosecu-

tors, Spitler admitted to being a member of Goatse Security, a group of "self-professed Internet 'trolls'" who try to disrupt online content and services.

They said Auernheimer was also affiliated with Goatse, and that creators of the account slurper leaked stolen e-mail addresses and other data to the website Gawker.

Possible victims of the hacking included public figures such as New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, anchor Diane Sawyer of Walt Disney Co.'s ABC News, movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, prosecutors said.

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Baseball. Justice



► Former member of the San Francisco Giants Barry Bonds waves to fans Wednesday during a game at AT&T Park.

Gov't mum on Bonds retrial decision

Prosecutors have not yet decided whether to retry baseball home-run king Barry Bonds on charges of lying to a grand jury, which was investigating steroid use in professional sports. A California jury convicted Bonds in April on a single count of obstruction of justice in a probe over the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Potter e-books on the way, but no sequel

The seven Harry Potter novels will be available as ebooks in October, author J.K. Rowling said on Thurs-

day at the launch of a new interactive online website that will allow readers to navigate through the wizard stories.

Rowling gave her clearest indication yet that she would not write an eighth Harry Potter story to follow

the final installment published in 2007 by Bloomsbury in Britain and Scholastic in the U.S.

"I do have closure with Harry," Rowling told reporters. "I have no plans to write another novel."

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UK. Festival



▶ A festivalgoer wears a woolen mask.

Music to their ears

The Glastonbury Festival is in full swing in England. The event, which started in 1970 when a few hippies paid £1 (\$1.60) to watch Marc Bolan, has grown into Europe's largest music festival. It's expected to attract more than 175,000 people over five days.

Maid looks for other DSK vics

The woman who accused Dominique Strauss-Kahn of attempted rape and sexual assault in New York hired a Paris lawyer to look for women in France who may have been victimized by the former International Monetary Fund chief.

Kenneth P. Thompson, a former federal prosecutor who is representing the ac-

cuser in New York, hired Thibault de Montbrial to provide legal support, the French lawyer said today.

"I am working with him, I am the contact for his firm in France, notably to see if there exist other victims of Mr. Strauss-Kahn," de Montbrial said in a telephone interview.

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Marine charged in shootings

WASHINGTON. U.S. prosecutors on Thursday charged a Marine Corps reservist with shootings at four military buildings around Washington, including

the Pentagon, and said they found he had bomb-making materials.

Yonathan Melaku, 22, was apprehended Friday near Arlington National Cemetery, and authorities found bullet casings and small bags of a powder (later identified as ammonium nitrate) in his backpack. REUTERS

GOP quits budget talks

Republicans walked out of budget talks Thursday, setting up a showdown between President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner over how to extend U.S. borrowing and avoid a looming debt default.

Vice President Joe Biden

and a handful of lawmakers had hoped to reach a budget-cutting deal that would allow Congress to sign off on continued borrowing. But Republicans quit unexpectedly after saying the group had reached an impasse over tax increases

sought by Democrats.

"I believe it is time for the president to speak clearly and resolve the tax issue," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, who had represented House Republicans in the talks. Republican Sen. Jon Kyl also pulled out.

Negotiators had hoped to reach a budget deal by next week that would allow lawmakers to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling before Aug. 2, when the Treasury Department has said it will run out of money to pay the country's bills. REUTERS

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Saturday, June 25

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From 3 to 11 p.m. on Pier 54, 13th Street at the West Side Highway in Hudson River Park

Harlem Pride celebration

From noon to 6 p.m. in Marcus Garvey Park, Madison Avenue between

121st and 123rd streets. Also at the Harlem Public Library, at 9 W. 124th St. between Lenox and Fifth avenues.

Sunday, June 26

PrideFest — annual LGBT street fair

Hudson Street between Abingdon Square and West 14th Street 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The March

Steps off at noon at 36th



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Street and Fifth Avenue and ends at Christopher and Greenwich streets.

Pier Dance

From 2 to 10:30 p.m. on Pier 54 at 13th Street at the West Side Highway. There will be fireworks and 2-for-1 drink specials from 2 to 3 p.m.

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Gay marriage bill stalled, but the march will go on

- Gay Pride March on Sunday ► Waiting to see whether gay marriage legislation will pass
- Planners say they're expecting either euphoria or protests ► 'Either way, a lot of emotion'

Quoted

"Either way, it's going to be quite a scene. People are going to be really excited or really angry."

BRITTON HOGGE

The New York state Legislature may be undecided when it comes to legalizing gay marriage, but that will not dampen Sunday's Gay Pride March.

Organizers are finalizing plans for the 41-year-old parade while state politicians wrangle over whether to hold a vote on same-sex marriage.

"Either way, it's going to

be a lot of emotion," said Britton Hogge, media director for the march.

Hogge said organizers are talking to police to prepare for bigger crowds than usual, and that cops are even planning to shut down a city block for a planned press conference.

"I think it's still going to be quite an event. But if it doesn't pass, I think



the police are prepared either way, because there are obviously going to be some protests," he said. "If it does, it's going to be wild and crazy."

The organizers do not mandate a theme for the event, he said, instead allowing the march to be uniquely defined for each participant.

"Whether it's a celebra-

tion for them, whether it's a march in protest of something or anything, there are a billion reasons why people register and choose to march in this event," he said.

In the meantime, they are working on last-minute logistics — like preparations for grand marshals Dan Savage and Terry Miller, who started the "It

Gets Better" Project to help stem gay teen suicide.

The Rev. Pat Gaumbarger, senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of New York, also is a grand marshal.

The march begins at 36th Street and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan at noon.



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Timeline

Important events in the US gay rights movement:

June 27, 1969

► Men visiting a gay bar, the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, fight back during a police raid. The moment sparks a widespread, international protest for equal rights.

Jan. 8, 1978

► Harvey Milk sworn in as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; is the nation's first

openly gay man elected to public office.

May 17, 2004

► Same-sex marriage legalized in Massachusetts.

November 2007

► House of Representatives approves a bill ensuring equal rights in the workplace for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals.

February 2008

► New York court decides that valid same-sex marriages performed in other states must be recognized by employers in New York.

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October 2008

► Connecticut becomes the second state to legalize marriage for same-sex couples.

April 2009

► Iowa and Vermont both legalize same-sex marriages.

June 2009

► New Hampshire

legalizes gay marriage.

March 2010

► Same-sex marriage legalized in the District of Columbia.

Dec. 18, 2010

► The U.S. Senate votes to repeal 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" military policy.

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And you said

Fifty random peeps can be wrong

We asked you what you thought the "song of the summer" was. Overwhelmingly you chose Adele's "Rolling in the Deep." But we'd be remiss if we didn't correct you here. People who are calling "Rolling in the Deep" the "song of the summer" are mistaken: What they don't understand is that "Rolling in the Deep" is the song of the year!

A little bit country

- ▶ "Long Hot Summer" by Keith Urban
- ▶ "Honey Bee" by Blake Shelton

Adele
"Rolling in the Deep"

22%

Lady Gaga
"The Edge of Glory"

16%

Pitbull featuring Ne-Yo
"Give Me Everything"

12%

Katy Perry
"Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)"

12%

Britney Spears
"I Wanna Go"

8%

Coldplay
"Every Teardrop is a Waterfall"

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Selena Gomez and the Scene
"Who Says"

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Taylor Swift
"The Story of Us"

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"The Lazy Song"
by Bruno Mars
The formula is

Jason Mraz plus Sublime, but it's hard to dock Bruno points for borrowing since this song is about being lazy. The beat just begs for a traffic jam where you can roll down the window and thump your hand on the outside of the car door. Anyone within earshot will whistle along.



"I Wanna Go"
by Britney Spears
Britney has al-

ways been great at looking at what other people are doing and saying, "Hey, that looks cool. Let me try!" and totally kicking ass at it. Here she runs away with the catchy whistling and the "I wanna go all the way-ay-ay/Takin' out my freak tonight" party message.

"Wetsuit"
by the Vaccines
The Vaccines are like a cooler Coldplay. With its repeated incantation of "we all got old at breakneck speed," this song was tailor-made for a yearbook quote.

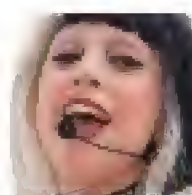
HOTTEST SONGS OF SUMMER

► Here's what you'll hear at the beach, on the road trip and at the barbecues for the next few months

There are no awards for the "song of summer," just the honor of worming your tune into the collective consciousness during the most nostalgic season. To achieve the "song of summer" status requires more than the hallmarks of a hit during any other time. It helps to have at least two of the following: a laid-back vibe, a

seize-the-night message, whistling, funny lyrics and a booze and/or pop culture reference. You also need a quotable line for various summer situations. When you get to the keg party and it's all dudes, the chorus of "Where Them Girls At" is a good start.

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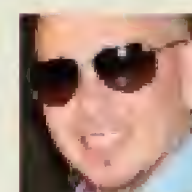
"The Edge of Glory"
by Lady Gaga
Like a

great summer night, this song is all about living in the moment. There's no whistling, but the line "Another shot before we kiss the other side," can function as a requisite booze reference, and the solo by the late, great Clarence Clemons is just begging for thumb-to-mouth air sax.



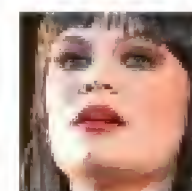
"Super Bass"
by Nicki Minaj/
"Where

Them Girls At" by David Guetta featuring Flo Rida and Nicki Minaj
There's something so likable about Minaj. Singing or rapping, she is dirty and funny, and in these two jams, she effortlessly references Led Zep, Slick Rick and Peabo Bryson (!). The line you'll sing: "Tell him who the eff I is."



"Give Me Everything"
by Pitbull (with Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer)

Employing the same seize-the-night ethos that make the Gaga and Britney songs work, Pitbull raps that he's "got it locked up like Lindsay Lohan." We also like his plan of, "I might drink a little more than I should." Ne-Yo delivers the catchy chorus.



"Pricetag"
by Jessie J (with B.o.B.)
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A gluttony of gluten-free foods

- What's with the major upswing in gluten-free goods?
- We went to the experts to find out if it's all just a fad

Is gluten-free the new Atkins or "Skinny Bitch" diet fad?

Lately we've seen new bakeries and cupcake shops popping up around the city, all doling out delicious desserts for those with Celiac disease. And week after week, new gluten-free cookbooks land on our desk. Has the world collectively become allergic to wheat?

According to Giovanna Miller, a healthy eating specialist at Whole Foods, the trend of going gluten-free is due to a higher awareness of Celiac disease.

"There's an increase in the number of people who are being diagnosed, but they are being recognized as having gluten-sensitivity," Miller

Keep it real

"The most popular gluten-free recipes are those that can substitute pasta or the baking stuff, because baking without gluten is a challenge," says Miller. She likes to remind people that there are tons of foods that are naturally gluten-free, like quinoa and rice.

Pantry essentials

McKenna recommends:

- Garbanzo fava bean flour
- Xanthan gum — a binder that replaces gluten in gluten-free baking
- Bob's Red Mill brown rice flour

says. "Meaning you don't have to test positive for Celiac's, but it's recognized that you have some type of adverse reaction to eating gluten, such as indigestion, bloating or constipation," she explains. "And because there's more awareness, now more people are self-diagnosing."

Erin McKenna, owner of BabyCakes bakery, agrees. "I think people talk to their friends [who have been going gluten-free] about how good they feel and then everyone starts scratching their head and thinking, 'Maybe it would work for me too, because my stomach has been hurting.'"

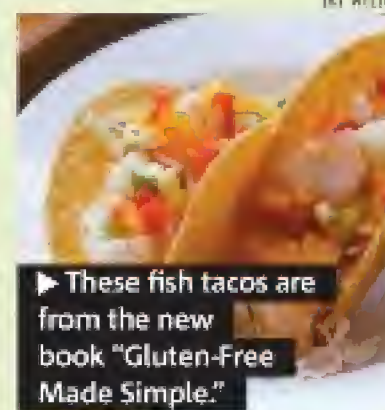


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Get cooking



► A white bean and spinach salad is light and easy.



► These fish tacos are from the new book "Gluten-Free Made Simple."



► Thin Mints from McKenna's latest, "BabyCakes Covers the Classics"



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These 'Cars' don't have enough drive

"Cars 2"

Directors: John Lasseter, Brad Lewis

Cast: Larry the Cable Guy, Owen Wilson, Michael Caine

Rating: G **Grade:** 00000

After Pixar's ambitious work on titles like "Ratatouille" and "Wall-E", this is a disappointment. The first "Cars" was arguably the weakest Pixar outing, but it at least had moments of pathos and

the mature storytelling that the company is known for. "Cars 2" shoves Lightning McQueen to the sidelines of his own franchise in favor of an ill-conceived James Bond homage starring the comic relief character Mater. The material might have worked as a direct-to-DVD sequel exclusively for children, but as a big screen outing, it's a letdown.

The animation is stunning and there are a handful of funny sequences, but it's impossible not to compare it to other Pixar projects. Pixar set the bar high for animated fare, and at this point simple family escapism like "Cars 2" isn't quite enough. **PHIL BROWN**



► Grem (voice by Joe Mantegna) and Acer (voice by Peter Jacobson) star in "Cars 2."

'Bad Teacher' scores high marks

► Though it could stand to be a little more risqué, this comedy succeeds thanks to a solid supporting cast

Having seen the red band trailer for Bad Teacher, we went in expecting a vulgar, funny swearfest along the same lines as "The Hangover." Instead, we got a funny, only somewhat vulgar movie that could have benefited from a bit more raunch. It seems a bit afraid to go all the way.

Diaz's character, Elizabeth — desperate, pretty on the outside but ugly underneath — is an odd character to hang a comedy on, but she pulls it off. She'll never be the funny, fresh face she was in "There's Something About Mary" and "The Mask," and for this movie



► Cameron Diaz pulls off the bad teacher act well.

that's a good thing. The very slight patina of age and experience in her manner adds some extra desperation to Elizabeth. Having said that, this movie wouldn't work nearly as well without the supporting cast of Jason Segel, John Michael Higgins, Phyllis Smith from "The Office" and Molly Shannon. They don't exactly rescue this movie — it doesn't need rescuing — but without them "Bad Teacher" wouldn't be nearly as much fun.

RICHARD CROUSE

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The plot

Getting an education

In the new Cameron Diaz movie, "Bad Teacher," she plays — you guessed it — a bad teacher! More concerned with hooking up with a wealthy co-worker (played by her real-life ex, Justin Timberlake) than with her students, she doesn't make much of an effort to actually educate until she learns there's a cash bonus for the teacher with the highest classroom grade average.

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Cast: Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake and Jason Segel

Rating: R

Grade: 00000

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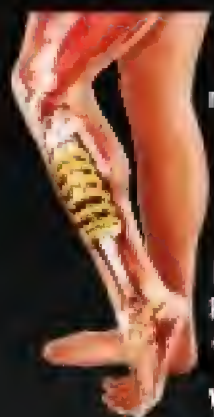
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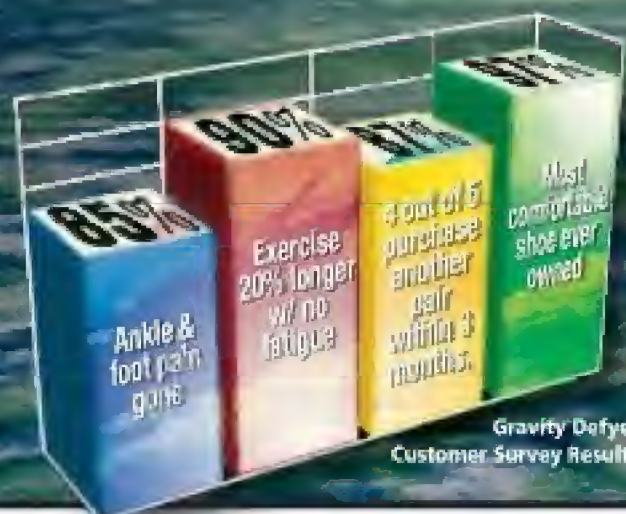
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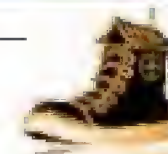
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Jennifer Muller's new full-evening dance-drama, "The White Room," is a bewildering effort. Its 13 performers, two of them apprentices, create a world in which people push one another around and behave cruelly.

They do this with big high kicks and leaps, snarling facial expressions, white masks held aloft on black sticks and projections that shift, apparently at random, from urban landscapes to beach scenes, tunnels and doorways. Fabric panels descend from the ceiling and are ripped down

in fits of pique; big squares of glitter rain on the stage and stick to the dancers' bare skin. A recorded mash-up of cello-based music from many sources pulses under the action.

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► From left, Hsing Hua Wang, Duane Gosa and Seiko Fujita perform "The White Room."

If someone abuses you, the logical behavior is to leave the situation. But if that happened here, there'd be no more dance — so Muller's choreography abounds in approach-avoidance, fake leave-taking action. The performers are capable, but the scenario tries our patience, merging soap opera with porn, family drama with urban angst. Are we in a private home? A workplace? A psych ward? A strip club? A surrealist fantasy? Who knows?

"The White Room" cries out to be a play, where the

characters could speak their pain, but the conventions of dance prevent that; instead they fling chairs and each other and gesture to assert their alpha-male status or their victimhood.

Muller, a dance-world veteran, has performed in the timeless choreography of Jose Limon and has an international reputation. But in New York, her piece seems terribly dated, filled with dance clichés from half a century ago.

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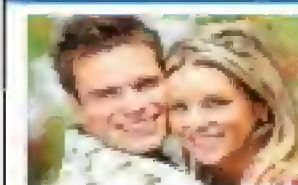
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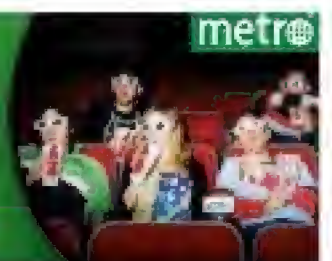
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The feed ...

► On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

This week, the ladies (and one man) wrote in, cracking me up with their various pick-up lines for the newly single George Clooney, and @Shinji_Bourne made an excellent point about Christina Aguilera being the highest paid judge on "The Voice."

► @sarrible I met George Clooney once. Think we hit it off. In fact, I'm expecting him to call me, except he only has my old #. Dammit!

► @SilentButHeard I'd wear my glasses and say "you look like just as hot George Clooney, did you know that?"

► Stacey (via email): Let's be honest. I need to kick start my acting career. I will sign any agreement in exchange for 3 months with you and an engagement ring (which I get after we "break up"). Deal???

► Sentell (via email): We'd be the first to get married in my home state of New York!

► @heidlwmetcalfe oh #clooney, let's motorboat! and by that I mean, take you for a ride on my boat, in lake como. I WILL TWEET U A PIC OF MY TWO BIG BOATS.

► @Shinji_Bourne I'm no fan of "The Voice" or Christina but don't you think for once we should be praising a woman earning more than a man?



Oh, George!

THE WORD



Metro's Dorothy Robinson shares her take on the world of gossip t @dorothyatmetro m dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The wedding will be televised

Kim Kardashian is said to be close to finalizing a deal that would put her wedding to Kris Humphries on TV with E! "It will be a two-hour standalone special," a source told PopEater. "[Kim] is so used to having cameras follow her that she doesn't even notice them anymore. Kim really wants her fans to celebrate with her on the most important day of her life."

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Lamar Odom's wedding was a ratings hit, with 3.2 million viewers tuning in.

In other televised weddings, Nick Lachey and

Vanessa Minnillo announced their upcoming summer nuptials will be televised in a special on TLC (because it worked out so well for him the first time he tried that on "Newlyweds"). And as we previously mentioned, Hugh Hefner's planned TV wedding special will still air on Lifetime in July, but revamped so it will have a "runaway bride" theme.

So here we have Hefner publicizing his failed attempt at wedding No. 3 to a woman sixty years younger than he is and two celebs (one of whom got famous for making a sex tape) trying to make a buck from their second marriages by planning huge, wasteful, over-the-top nuptials.

And here people complain about gay people trying to ruin the "sanctity" of marriage ...



► Wanna watch them get hitched? You can!

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► Actress Lindsay Lohan attended a probation hearing at Airport Branch Courthouse Thursday in Los Angeles.

Here we go again

Lindsay Lohan headed back to court sooner than expected after she reportedly tested positive for alcohol, violating her probation, according to Radar Online. Lohan has been under house arrest at her Venice Beach condo. "Lindsay tested positive for alcohol. The judge in her DUI case, Judge Elden Fox, said she couldn't

consume any alcohol while on probation. The probation department has prepared a report," a source says, adding that the L.A. Probation Department was expected to request that the judge take Lohan off of house arrest and place her in jail.

Le sigh. Has any economist looked into the theory that California is bankrupt because of all of the resources used to try to keep Lindsay Lohan in check?

Talking points

A Spidey seduction

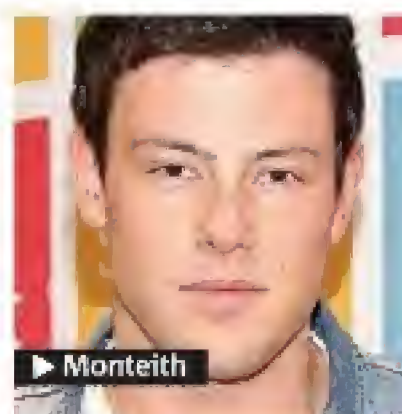
Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield reportedly had so much fun filming "The Amazing Spider-Man" that they've continued their friendship even after production wrapped up — and have become more than friends, according to Us Weekly. "They got close during filming and have been hooking up," a source says. "They haven't gone public, but he's told his friends."



► Stone and Garfield

Monteith's troubled past

"Glee" actor Cory Monteith had such a bad drug problem as a teenager that his mother sent him to rehab at 19. Per a recent interview in Parade magazine, the 29-year-old admitted to skipping school to get



► Monteith

drunk and smoke pot. "I burned a lot of bridges. I was out of control," Monteith told the magazine. At 19, his mother and friends sent him to rehab, although it didn't stick. "I stole a significant amount of money from a family member," Monteith recounted about what fi-



► Osbourne

nally made him change. "I knew I was going to get caught, but I was so desperate."

Osbourne: Off with his willy!

Sharon Osbourne says she wouldn't have reacted as calmly as Maria Shriver did

to news that her husband, Arnold Schwarzenegger, had an illegitimate child with a housekeeper. "I would have chopped his willy off. Arnie's willy would have been down the disposal unit spinning around, that's where it'd be," Osbourne says, according to Hollyscoop. "I was really, really disappointed at him for being so horribly disrespectful and deceitful to do that in your own home. He can do whatever he wants in hotels on the road, whatever, knock yourself out, but you don't disrespect your family by doing it in your own home. To me it's just unthinkable."



Hooray for the weekend! Here are some shots to send you off in style

- 1: Actress Sienna Miller showed off her tennis whites at the Ralph Lauren Wimbledon Party on Tuesday night in London.
- 2: Hello, is it me you're looking for? Why, yes, if you're looking for Lionel Richie: The singer (love his sparkly vest!) performed at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Wednesday night in Hollywood, Fla.
- 3: The girl with the cute caboose, Pippa Middleton, was snapped shopping in London on Thursday.
- 4: The bespeckled pair: Director Spike Lee and actor/director John Turturro attended the "Passione" screening Q&A at Film Forum on Wednesday night in New York City.
- 5: John Legend swung by Washington, D.C., Wednesday night to open for singer Sade at the Verizon Center.
- 6: Singer Lady Gaga enjoyed a spot of tea at the MTV Video Music Aid Japan press conference at Billboard LIVE on Thursday in Tokyo.
- 7: Rapper and fashion plate (check out his chains!) Kanye West left the Louis Vuitton Men's fashion show on Thursday in Paris.

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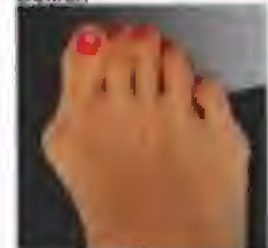
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RETROSPECTIVE: 'Phantom of the Opera'

How does Broadway's longest-running musical hold up after 23 years?
Moving love story and powerful music balance dated elements

The challenge of a show that's been on-stage for nearly a quarter-century is to remain relevant to audiences who might have actually first seen it as children and can now bring their own. "Phantom of the Opera," which debuted on the Great White Way in 1988, is now at the Majestic Theatre showing the same songs you may know from a time when the B-side of your Michael Crawford mixtape played George Michael. So how does this gothic romance, based in early 1900s France, hold up for modern audiences?

The show does feel a bit dated, but not necessarily in a bad way. The once-magical plummet of a chandelier over audience heads might pale next to the high-flying antics of "Spider-Man." Stage transformations from lush opera house to candlelit catacombs are labored compared with the swiftly rotating, preassembled sets in "Good People." This production's preservation is a labor of love, and it savors its own patient methodology. "Phantom" offers traditional staging techniques but utilizes them to its advantage — captivating music swells up from the orchestra



Hugh Panaro stars as the Phantom and Sara Jean Ford as Christine in a scene from "The Phantom of the Opera," the longest-running show in Broadway history.

**Fast
'Phantom'
facts:**

- Opened in London in 1986; came to N.Y. in 1988
- Won 7 Tony Awards that year, including Best Musical
- Became the longest-running show in 2006, surpassing 'Cats'
- Played more than 9,700 performances on Broadway; 65,000 total
- Grossed more than \$5 billion worldwide

while scenes change; simple aural tricks and flickering lights are as spooky as high-tech craft. However, a rejuvenation of energy and vision wouldn't hurt the play, lest it rest on its laurels and retire before your grandkids can attend.

The crystal-clear, masterfully commanded vocals required by the leads (currently Sara Jean Ford as Christine and Hugh Panaro as the Phantom), held against brilliant compositions by Andrew Lloyd Webber, are the pillars keeping this musical upright through the ages. Layered lyrics that require close listening, soaring music that fills the house and a heartbreaking love story that's relatable to all audiences rarely come in one package anymore. Getting back to the basics — book, lyrics, music — could really do all of Broadway some good; and despite some weathering, "Phantom" continues to set the standard.

'Phantom of the Opera'
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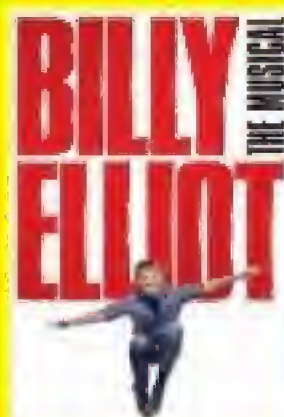
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The voice of reason in a fantasy world

► Bad things happen to humans on 'True Blood' ► But actress Rutina Wesley wouldn't have it any other way

Alongside all of the sexy, scary supernatural goodness that makes "True Blood" as addictive as V — that's vampire blood, for those of you who haven't been spending the last three summers hanging out in Bon Temps — a couple of regular ol' humans are making a play for the series' best storylines. The frontrunner? Tara Thornton, best friend to vampire bait heroine Sookie Stackhouse, whose tenacity and no-nonsense attitude keep the show rooted in reality.

Tara, played with grit and vulnerability by Rutina Wesley, gets another chance to steal scenes as Season 4 picks up Sunday

night. We checked in with the actress to find out what bad — and good! — things are in store.

Tara got mixed up with some bad vampires last season. Are things looking brighter now?

We are finally going to see happiness for Tara. She has started [to learn] how to love herself in a way that is beautiful and secure. It's nice to see because we have seen her suffer so much.

The writers really put Tara through the wringer. If you could take her out of their hands, what would you have her do?

I kind of like where they have been taking me. I really trust them. A lot of the

time, I've been like, "Do I really have to cry in every scene?" But those are challenges, and I just have to cry for 18 hours to go through the rape scene and being violated and tied up.

And [then there were] the orgies. That is one script that I got and I'm like, "Wait, wait. Back up." But we did it and we did it as a group and we were all professional, freezing out there together. The director was like, "Hey, we are going to do this. Good luck. Let's have some fun." And we did. We all played together and it was nice.

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► Rutina Wesley stars as Tara on "True Blood." Season 4 premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. on HBO.

Q&A: Make believe

With all the vampires, werewolves, fairies and shape-shifters, does the show ever get too weird — or is that the fun of it?

Yeah, I think that is the fun of it. I love that we cross the worlds of fantasy and reality. I heard people say, "You guys have this level of hu-

manity that I actually believe that vampires are walking today." So we have to keep it real. Because if we get too kooky, even if the situations are kooky, we can't play it as kooky. We have to play like, "I am kidnapped by a vampire. What would Rutina Wesley do?" I would be scared for my life. I will be trying to run away by bashing his head. All the things that I did are true to life.

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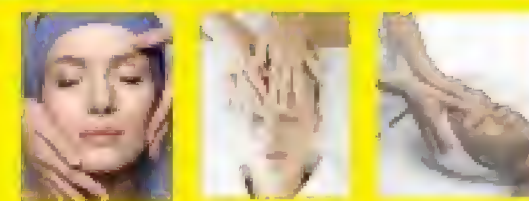
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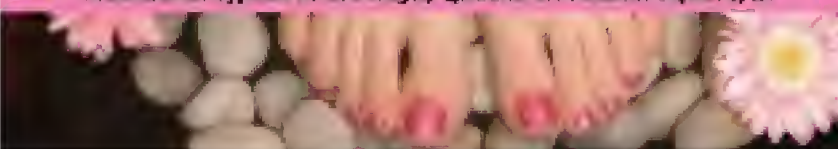
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TRAVIS REED MILLER, VIA E-MAIL

Speak for yourself

RE: FOR ALL THE SINGLE LADIES 6/23: I'm sorry that Jennifer Bellenoit was annoyed at Dr. Alpert's advice (The lowdown on the hookup 6/22). I'm even sorer if she felt that she was speaking for all single ladies — because Dr. Alpert's advice spoke volumes to me, a woman who is in a "benefits" relationship and is ready to walk away from it. Speaking as a single woman who has a full-time job while in school, my life is never too busy to be in a relationship with someone who respects me

enough to not use a lame excuse to have his "cake and eat it too."

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Don't deal religious digs

RE: FOR ALL THE SINGLE LADIES 6/23: I read with alarm the letter from Jennifer Bellenoit in which she disagrees with Therapist Jonathan Alpert and calls him a "Quaker." Apparently, it's OK to use a religious group and their beliefs as a pejorative term in your newspaper. I'm shocked that you published such a letter. Would you publish one that

refers to Wall Street bankers as "Jews"?

MR SIROKY, VIA E-MAIL

Metro passes the test

RE: TAKE CONTROL AND TAKE AN HIV TEST 6/22: As a homosexual I have to thank your publication for putting this issue out to the masses. It's something that everyone should take seriously, not just one segment of the population. It wasn't long ago that you could not talk about HIV and AIDS in the mainstream media. I always practice safe sex and go regularly for testing. I was just tested last week in fact, and if I were not terrified of needles I would do it again to show support and raise awareness for the issue.

CHRISTIAN GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. Sidestep making any binding agreements. There is an excellent chance that tomorrow you will see things from a different perspective.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. If you need assistance for completing a job, be careful regarding the help you solicit. You'll get plenty of volunteers, but they might be more interested in showboating.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Inner turmoil is likely to be generated when you find your trust in another has been sadly misplaced. Rely on past experience as your guide.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Compromise is the key word for you, especially where domestic disagreements are concerned. Your attitude will play a critical role.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. One of the more critical areas in which you need to be monitored is your tendency to stick your nostrils into situations or problems where you've not been invited.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Keep a close eye on your resources and how you handle them. Complacency or indifference could carry a high price tag if you're not willing to keep tabs on your spending habits.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Don't let your ego get in the way of your relationships with others. There are certain facets of your personality that could cause you to blurt out things you don't mean.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.

You'll do yourself a favor if you can face the fact that not everybody will be in accord with your viewpoints or positions. When you can accept this, you can accept others.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. It's nice to think well of people, but be wary of those whom you know from experience have exploited your generosity. People don't change, but you can become wiser.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Keep a lid on your intensity and try to operate on a more placid wavelength. Once your forcefulness is set into motion, it could be extremely difficult to control.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. The best way to figure out who is your worst enemy is to look in a mirror. Compulsive behavior that will prove to be self-defeating.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Operate as independently from others as you can because your way of doing things and theirs will be diametrically opposed to each other.

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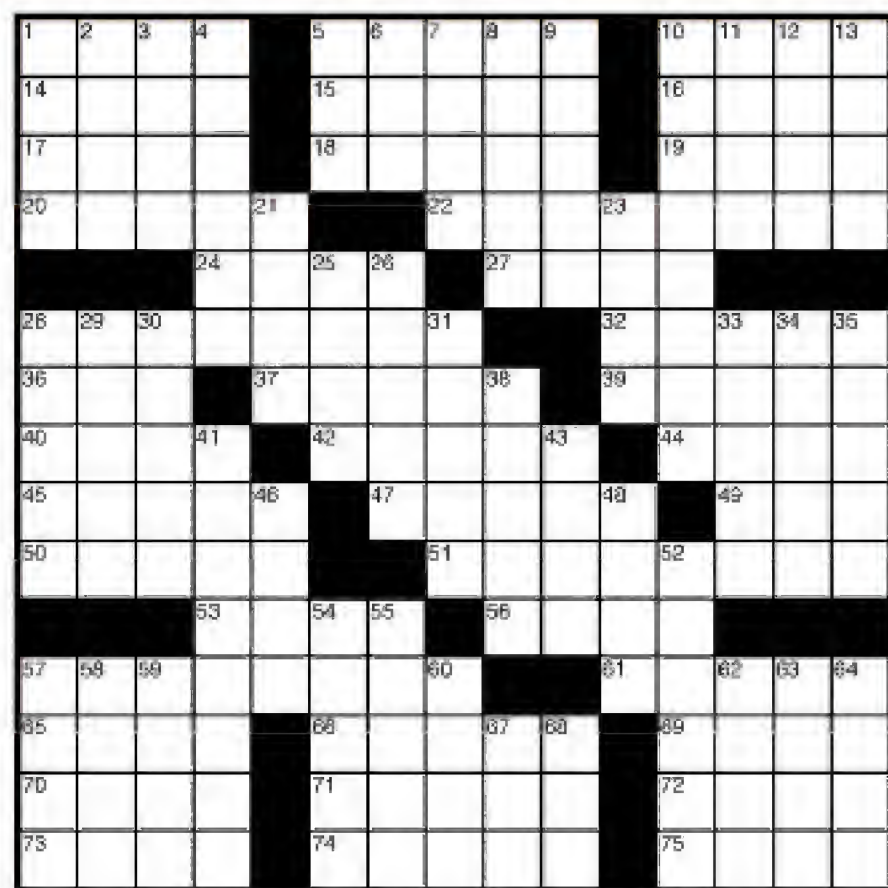
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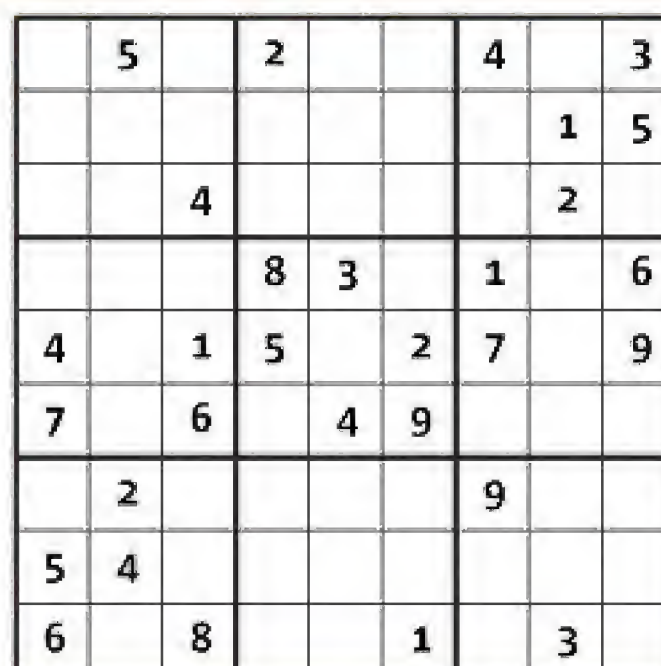
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► Shumpert is regarded as a top-notch defender.

Knicks play it safe with guard

► Team takes Shumpert 17th overall ► Fredette went seven spots earlier ► Reminds people of Shane Battier

It might have been Donnie Walsh's final draft as Knicks president, but he certainly didn't leave the cupboards bare. In fact, Walsh chose what looked like one of the steals of the night in Iman Shumpert with the 17th overall pick.

Sacramento did Walsh a favor by selecting Jimmer Fredette seven spots earlier, so Walsh didn't have to make that difficult decision. Fredette, a native of upstate New York and a noted Knicks fan, openly campaigned for the Knicks to select him. But, as fate would have it, the Knicks didn't have to decide between Fredette and the for-

17.3

Points per game for Shumpert last season at Georgia Tech. He had a season-high 30 points vs. UNC.

mer Georgia Tech star.

Shumpert offers exactly what the Knicks needed, as the 6-foot-5, 222-pounder gives this thin roster size, defensive intensity and a willingness to defend on the wing. Shumpert may not do one thing extra special, but he does many things well — sort of like Shane Battier.

Naturally, Knicks fans weren't impressed with the pick and let out a chorus of boos. Even the most ardent supporter, Spike Lee, glumly said, "We just have to see what happens."

In time, however, Knicks fans will see that Shumpert can harass anyone from Rajon Rondo to LeBron James.

Plus, the city has always embraced high-effort guys and hard workers — and Shumpert certainly fits the bill. He's a sneaky good pick in an otherwise weak draft class.

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Comeback still on for Serena

Serena Williams cleared another hurdle on her comeback Thursday.

The two-time defending Wimbledon women's singles champ seemed to settle into her old routine in an ultimately comfortable 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Simona Halep in the second round at the All England Club.

The American seventh seed — just four matches into her return from a 49-week layoff — was initially troubled by the tena-

Federer wins

Men's No. 3 seed Roger Federer easily handled Adrian Mannarino in their second-round matchup Thursday. The Swiss won, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

cious Romanian teenager before marching on to the third round.

"I feel like I'm in shape," said Williams, who lacerated her foot on broken glass last year. METRO/REUTERS

Going for the Gold (Cup)

THE DEAL:

The U.S. will play its fourth straight Gold Cup final Saturday at the Rose Bowl. It's the third time in a row they've met Mexico. The biennial tournament is the championship of CONCACAF — the soccer federation for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

ANALYSIS:

The Americans and Mexicans have dominated the Gold Cup for decades. Only one of the last 11 finals hasn't featured at least one of them, and they've met in the last two. The U.S. won 2-1 in 2007, but the archrival Mexicans took a measure of revenge in 2009, blowing out the Americans' second team, 5-0. This time around, the U.S. stacks up as the favorite: Coach Bob Bradley is bringing his 'A' team to Pasadena (9 p.m., FOX Soccer).



Clint Dempsey, left, and Landon Donovan will lead the U.S. on Saturday

NBA draft. Irving goes No. 1



Kyrie Irving was the best of a mediocre draft field.

Irving goes first overall

He's no LeBron James, but Kyrie Irving is Cleveland's newest star. The Cavaliers took the Duke standout first overall last night. Derrick Williams went No. 2 to Minnesota, and Utah rounded out the Top 3 with big man Enes Kanter. METRO

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Figuring out who might be moved is vital. We can dump players who figure to lose playing time and add setup men who are going to become closers. Here are three situations to monitor.

NFL news

Clear head



► **Percy Harvin** said doctors found some things in his

neck this summer that they believe caused his crippling migraines. Now Harvin says he feels as good as he has since kindergarten. If he can sustain health, he's an elite playmaker.

No way, Jose

Jose Reyes said this week that he won't negotiate a new contract with the Mets until after the season. Considering the state of the team, it appears unlikely they'll retain the im-

pending free agent. If Reyes lands on a team that plays in a more hitter-friendly park and has a stronger lineup, he could be even better.

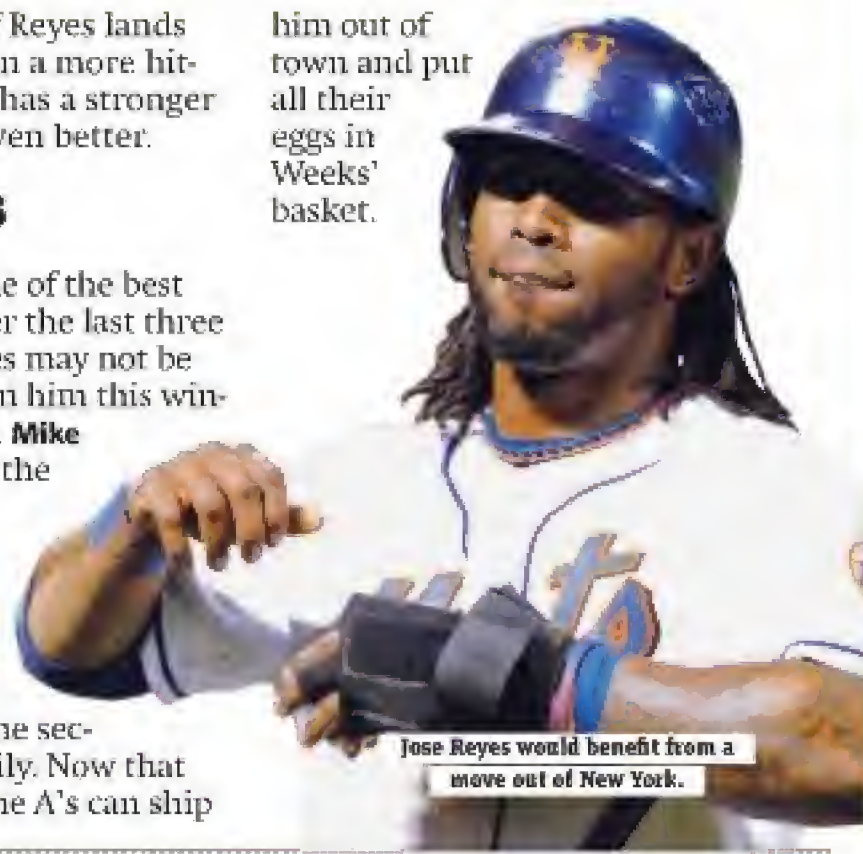
The Bell tolls

Heath Bell has been one of the best closers in baseball over the last three seasons. But the Padres may not be able to afford to re-sign him this winter, so a trade is likely. **Mike Adams** would become the Padres' closer.

Little Rickie

Jemile Weeks, Rickie's brother, is playing well enough to hold the second base job down daily. Now that **Mark Ellis** is healthy, the A's can ship

him out of town and put all their eggs in Weeks' basket.



Jose Reyes would benefit from a move out of New York.

NFL free agency

Here are three studs likely to change teams once the lockout ends:

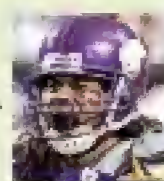
1 DeAngelo Williams, RB, CAR

There's no need to break the bank on Williams with Jonathan Stewart ready to go. Stewart has top 10 fantasy upside.



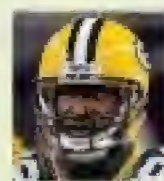
2 Sidney Rice, WR, MIN

Has the tools to be a true No. 1 receiver anywhere he goes. Hip isn't a concern.



3 James Jones, WR, GB

Jones will leave for starter's money, but he won't find the grass greener. No Aaron Rodgers is devastating.



Top MLB pickups



Dayan Viciedo

► **3B, White Sox**
The best prospect that hasn't been called up yet. Once Viciedo is promoted, he'll play regularly.

Dustin Ackley

► **2B, Mariners**
The No. 2 overall pick in the 2009 draft is up and manning the thin second base spot. Real power.

Jon Jay

► **OF, Cardinals**
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Source says Jets looking to bring back OT Woody

► Veteran rehabing Achilles injury
► May be re-signed after being cut

Right tackle Damien Woody was cut by the Jets almost four months ago, but he may still be in the team's plans for the 2011 season anyway.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a league source tells Metro the Jets rate the veteran Woody very highly and would be eager to bring the right tackle back for another season. Woody suffered a torn Achilles tendon in the Jets AFC wild-card win in Indianapolis and missed the remainder of the playoffs. He also missed five games during the regular season, including the final

three with a knee injury.

The source said the NFL lockout is working to Woody's advantage as he rehabs for what would be his 13th NFL season. The source said the Jets are among several teams eager to see how Woody has progressed from injury.

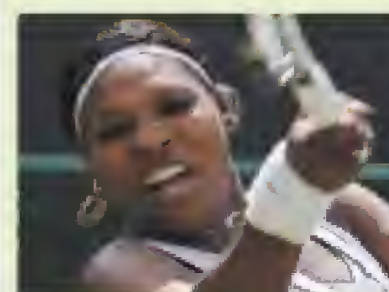
The two players vying for the starting right tackle position should Woody not return would be Wayne Hunter and Vladimir Ducasse. Hunter started all three regular season games and two playoff games in place of the injured Woody.

► KRISTIAN DYER



► Woody started every game his two previous seasons with the Jets despite being injury-plagued in 2010.

Sports in brief



Serena wins at Wimbledon

TENNIS. Serena Williams advanced to the third round at Wimbledon with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Simona Halep. Williams had nine unforced errors in the first set, but recovered to dominate the second and third set. She will face Maria Kirilenko in the next round. Williams is the defending champion, but hadn't played in a tournament this year.

Flyers trade Richards

NHL. The Philadelphia Flyers traded team captain Mike Richards and Jeff Carter on Thursday. The money freed up was used to sign goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov to a nine-year, \$51 million deal.



"I'm just not the guy that they thought they could move forward with." JIM RIGGLEMAN

MLB. Nationals manager Jim Riggleman resigned Thursday after his team's walk-off victory. After not receiving the contract extension he requested from the team, Riggleman immediately resigned. ► METRO

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